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Cohen et al.)

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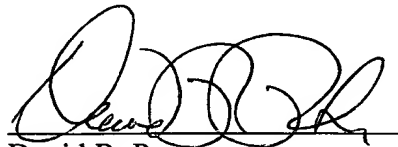
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	P1	3,604,414	9/14/71	Borges			
	P2	4,119,092	10/10/78	Gil			
	P3	5,084,051	1/28/92	Törmälä et al.			
	P4	5,129,903	7/14/92	Luhr et al.			
	P5	5,252,523	10/12/93	Beall et al.			
	P6	5,281,226	1/25/94	Davydov et al.			
	P7	5,290,281	3/1/94	Tschakaloff			
	P8	5,364,396	11/15/94	Robinson et al.			
	P9	5,672,177	9/30/97	Seldin			
	P10	5,676,667	10/14/97	Hausman			
	P11	5,697,976	12/16/97	Chesterfield et al.			
	P12	5,766,710	6/16/98	Turnlund et al.			
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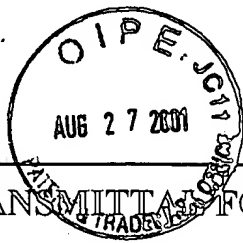
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	F2	WO 98/07384	2/26/98	PCT				
	F3	WO 99/51171	10/14/99	PCT				
	F4	WO 01/41661	6/14/01	PCT				
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
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	D2	Chin and Toth, J. Oral Maxillofac. Surg., 54:45-53 (1996)
	D3	Cohen, Seminars in Orthodontics, 5:52-58 (1999)
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	D5	Constantino and Friedman, Otolaryngologic Clinis of N.A., 24:1433-1443 (1991)
	D6	Ilizarov, "The Principles of the Ilizarov Method" 48 Bull. of the Hospital for joint Diseases Orthopaedic Institute, 48:1-11 (1988)
	D7	Karp et al., Annals of Plastic Surgery, 24:231-237 (1990)
	D8	Karp et al., Annals of Plastic Surgery, 29:2-7 (1992)
	D9	Leibinger, Gen. Info. Modular Internal Distraction System, Scientific Documentation, Howmedica Leibinger Inc. (6/3/1998)
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	D11	McGuire et al., Arthroscopy, 15:463-473 (1999)
	D12	Schliephake et al., J. Oral Maxillofac. Surg., 56:616-626 (1998)
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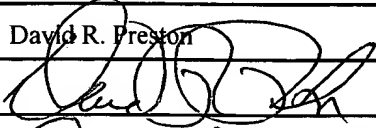
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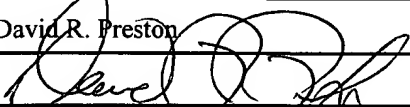
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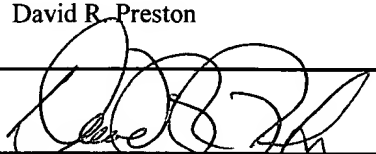
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